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Aruba wins Senior League Championship, team arrives today at 1:45 p.m.



Aruba celebrates their 8-1 victory.



BANGOR, Maine — Aruba ended host Bangor's magical run at the Senior League World Series, riding the five-hit pitching of Shawn Duinkerk to an 8-1 win over the Maine District 3 representatives in the world championship game before 3,000 fans at Mansfield Stadium on Saturday after-

noon.

The title was the first at the Senior League level for Aruba, which like Bangor also was part of the tournament's 2009 field.

Duinkerk, a 6-foot-3, 200-pound righthander, struck out five batters and walked just two during an economical 78-

pitch performance.

And when Bangor mounted its lone offensive threat by loading the bases with no one out in the fifth inning on a walk to Dylan Morris and singles by Josiah Hartley and Nic Cota, Duinkerk's defense backed him up.

Second baseman Jiandido Tromp drifted into shallow right field to haul down a soft liner by Seth Freudenberg, then shortstop Ray-Patrick Diddier fielded a grounder by Cody Savage to set up a force play at second base.

Morris scored on the play to cut Bangor's deficit to 3-1, but Duinkerk escaped further damage by striking out Luke Hettelman for the final out of the inning.

Aruba, 5-1 in tournament play, then broke the game open with five runs in the top of the seventh, the rally highlighted by a two-run double to left by Juan Carlos Moncio and a two-run homer to left by Chadwick Tromp.

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Wyclef Jean to appeal Haiti election ruling

POR-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Hip-hop star Wyclef Jean refused yesterday to abandon his bid to become president of quake-hit Haiti, saying his lawyers would appeal the decision to reject his candidacy.

Jean, who had initially accepted the electoral council's decision and urged hordes of young supporters to do the same, did not say what had prompted his change of heart.

Haiti's Electoral Commission (CEP) on Friday ruled Jean ineligible to stand as he had not met the requirement

to have been a resident in the Caribbean island nation for five years.

Jean lives in the New York area but spent his first nine years in Haiti. He traveled back to his homeland several times before the quake to defuse violence in gang-infested slums and help the most disadvantaged Haitians.

The presidential and legislative election is scheduled for November 28 in a country still recovering from a devastating January 12 earthquake that killed at least 250,000 people and left 1.5 million homeless.

Chilean miners alive after two weeks

SANTIAGO, Chile - Chilean President Sebastian Pinera said yesterday that all 33 miners are alive and contact has been established with them 17 days after a structural collapse trapped them below ground.

"This came out of the ground," said Pinera holding to the television cameras a letter written in red ink the trapped miners had sent to rescuers at the surface.

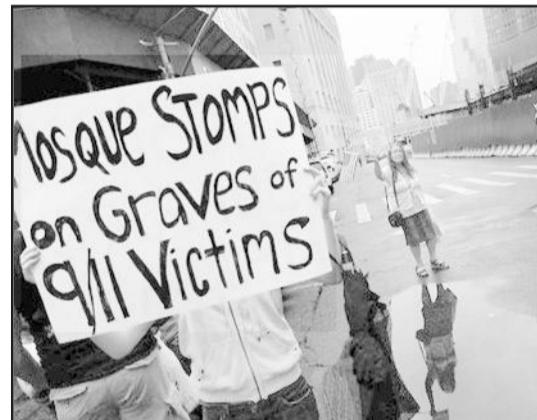
"It's a message from our miners telling us they are alive,

that they are together," said the president outside the mine, 800 kilometers (500 miles) north of Santiago.

The letter was sent through a shaft drilled 700 meters (2,300 feet) below ground to where the miners were believed to be located.

The miners have been trapped since August 5 in the San Jose gold and copper mine near the northern city of Copiapo. Until yesterday, there had been no word from them.

Protesters demonstrate for, against 'Ground Zero' mosque



An opponent of an Islamic cultural center and mosque planned to be built near Ground Zero in lower Manhattan holds a sign during a demonstration; Right: Supporters chant slogans and carry signs during a demonstration



NEW YORK (AFP) - Several hundred protesters staged rival demonstrations Sunday for and against plans to build a mosque near the site of the September 11, 2001 attacks, some brandishing signs against Islam and others denouncing religious bigotry.

Though small in scale, the street protests reflect an intensifying national debate that has exposed a raw nerve over US attitudes toward Islam nearly nine years after Al-Qaeda militants flew hijacked airliners into the World Trade Center, killing nearly 3,000 people.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg supports the mosque, the city council has approved the project for a community center, and President Barack Obama has invoked the constitution's guarantee of religious freedom.

But 61 percent of Americans disapprove of it, and opposition to the mosque has been taken up with fervor by conservative politicians like former Republican lawmaker Newt Gingrich who likened it to building a Nazi site next to the Holocaust memorial.

Opponents have pressed for the community center's organizers to move to another location further from 'Ground Zero' in deference to the charged public sentiment. New York Governor David Patterson has even offered state land for an alternate site.

Karen Hughes, a former White House communications director who had urged then-president George W. Bush to visit a mosque shortly after the 9/11 attacks to reassure Muslims, Sunday urged Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf and his congregation to choose another site.

Writing in the Washington Post, she said the debate was "less about our freedom of religion than about the common sense and uncommon courtesy sometimes required to come together as Americans."

Khan, who is married to the imam, said any decision to move from the privately owned site had to be carefully weighed.

"And we have to be cognizant that we also have a constitutional right. We have the Muslim community around the nation that we have to be concerned about, and we have to worry about the extremists as well, because they are seizing this moment," she said.

Meanwhile, protesters from one side and the other began gathering in lower Manhattan under a fine rain at 10:00 am (1400 GMT), taking up positions about 100 meters and two streets away from each other, but also worlds apart.

"You can build a Mosque at Ground Zero when we can build a Synagogue in

Mecca," said a placard.

Joe O'Shay, a lawyer who wore a T-shirt covered with slogans against the mosque, tearfully said he had turned out to protest because "I am a New Yorker and I lost a nephew here."

Two streets away, a small crowd about the same size called for tolerance, their signs defending freedom of religion and pleading for acceptance of immigrants of all faiths.

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Aruba Tourism Authority: Tourism of German speaking countries keep on growing

Results based on information acquired from immigration office

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Touroperators:

The two largest tour operators from Germany, TUI Alemania and Dertour, foresee positive results for the rest of the year 2010. TUI indicated that their sale figures has increased much more now than the beginning of the year. This market brought in approximately 900 people in total in

the first half of the year 2010. With this one can calculate that the rest 2010 will produce a similar amount.

Dertour indicated that their summer 2010 grew with 14% in total of persons and room nights increased with 2%.

They foresee winter 2010 increasing with 300% in persons and up to 250% in room nights.

This indicates that sales of the product Aruba has grown. Our main competitors are Curacao, the Bahamas, Barbados, Grenada, and St Lucia. Aruba is a more upscale country and is approximately 10% more expensive than the other Caribbean Islands. The most

expensive one is the Bahamas.

In September Aruba will host a FAM Trip from Dertour, comprising of more or less 80 travel agency executives from Germany and Austria. The trip will be sponsored by KLM and Martinair. This is part of the strategy used by ATA to generate more bookings' for Aruba in these countries. During their visit to Aruba the travel agents will be introduced to our product Aruba, which will include getting to know our hotels, restaurants and the whole island so they can know what Aruba has to offer.

Coop Marketing

ATA will join with TUI and Meiers Weltreisen in a marketing campaign. A video will be shown for two whole weeks in September in 250 travel agencies of TUI. Meiers Weltreisen will run a campaign online which for four weeks during the Fall season. This strategy is to boost the months of winter.

Also, for two weeks a radio campaign will be done thru 3 different stations which will make the coverage for Aruba more extensive.

After this ATA will announce the results. ATA wants to thank all their partners that are always ready to help organise and execute the press trips.

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ORANJESTAD -- The Fundacion Alzheimer's Aruba, (F.A.A.) today began a full week of workshops regarding the proper techniques for the search and rescue of dementia victims who have wandered away from their domicile, at the Westin Aruba Resort.

Two one-day introductory workshops and an in-depth three-day course are being conducted by guest facilitator Dr. Robert Koester of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and Criminal Justice Services. He holds a Master's of Science degree from the University of Virginia in neurobiology, and first joined the Appalachian Search & Rescue Conference in 1981, he eventually created the International Search & Rescue Incident Database, known as ISRID.

Dr. Koester will share his seminal research on the behavior of lost persons, with an early emphasis on dementia offering an overview of patient behavior and what may drive it. He will also provide a background on the disease and where to look when searching for victims of dementia.

Tonight, the public is welcome to a free introductory lecture by Dr. Koester in the auditorium of the University of Aruba, at 7:00 p.m.. Old Age Dementia and its impact on individuals and families is a subject of great importance to all members of the community and they encourage attendance at this evening's lecture.

Dr. Koester has authored several books on Emergency Management and Command as well as been Principal Investigator studying Alzheimer's wanderers with a grant from the Virginia Center of Aging. He has received numerous honors for his work and publi-

cation as well as being named in "Who's Who in America" in 2003.

There are still places available for the workshops at the Westin, which will continue through Saturday. Interested parties can inscribe tonight before or after the lecture. For a full run down of Dr. Koesters qualifications and accomplishments, view his CV online at <http://www.dbs-sar.com/cvsa08.pdf>

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Anna Paquin (L) and Stephen Moyer arrive at the premiere of HBO's "True Blood" Season 3 at The Cinerama Dome on June 8, 2010 in Hollywood, California.

MALIBU, California -- The stars of HBO's "True Blood," Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer, were married in a ceremony in California, it was reported yesterday.

Paquin, 28, and Moyer, 40, exchanged vows in a tent across the street from the beach in Malibu Saturday evening, US Weekly said yesterday.

The stars of HBO's vampire series started dating in 2008 and became engaged last summer.

Moyer is from London while Paquin, who won her first Oscar award at age 11, is from Canada. The plans to split their time between London and Venice, Calif., where Paquin has a home, US Weekly said.

"With Anna it's just about pure trust, on camera and off," Moyer said in a Playboy interview. "I have never trusted anybody like I trust Anna."

Paquin, equally ecstatic, told Rolling Stone: "I feel so lucky right now ... life is pretty great."



Aruba's Famous Pictographs



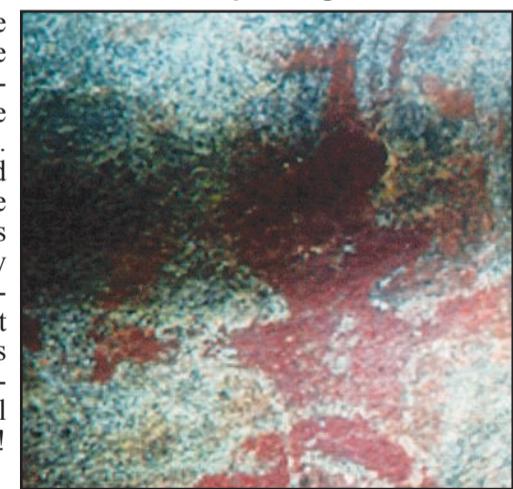
Red cave painting



A complex dichromatic painting



One of Aruba's most famous cave paintings



An ancient man with tools

ancient people were so in tune with their environment and all the flora and fauna. Birds, iguanas and other creatures are their subjects, as well as some very strange and interesting shapes that we can only guess at. I suppose abstract art isn't all that new, after all!

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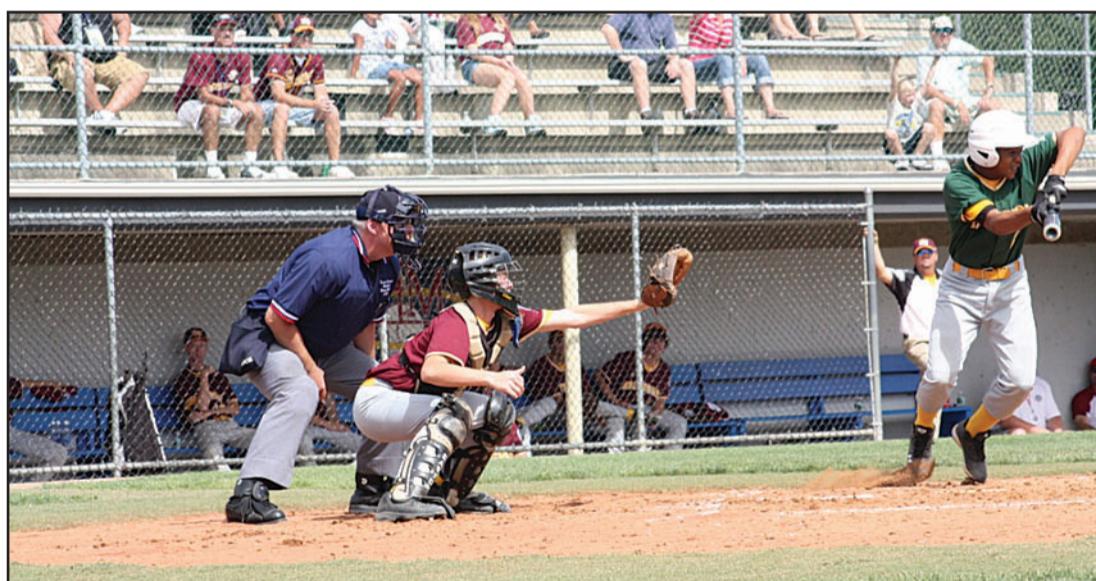
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Aruba wins Senior League Championship

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Aruba jumped on Savage, the Bangor starter, for three runs on four hits in the top of the first. Duinkerk provided the big blow of the uprising, a one-out, two-run double to the left-center field gap.

Savage settled down after that, holding Aruba scoreless on three hits during the rest of his six-inning sting. Savage finished allowing seven hits and three runs while striking out two and walking two before giving way to Hartley in the seventh.

But Duinkerk was better, his pitch count kept down by a five-pitch third inning and a four-pitch fourth that helped him stay well under the Senior League single-game limit of 95 pitches.

And when Bangor got runners aboard, the Aruba defense played flawlessly and turned three double plays, the last one to end the game after Hartley had hit a one-out sin-

gle in the bottom of the seventh.

Duinkerk paced Aruba's nine-hit offense with a double, single and three RBIs, while Hartley singled twice for Bangor, which finished the tournament with a 4-2 record after never winning more than one game in any of its previous trips to the Senior League World Series.

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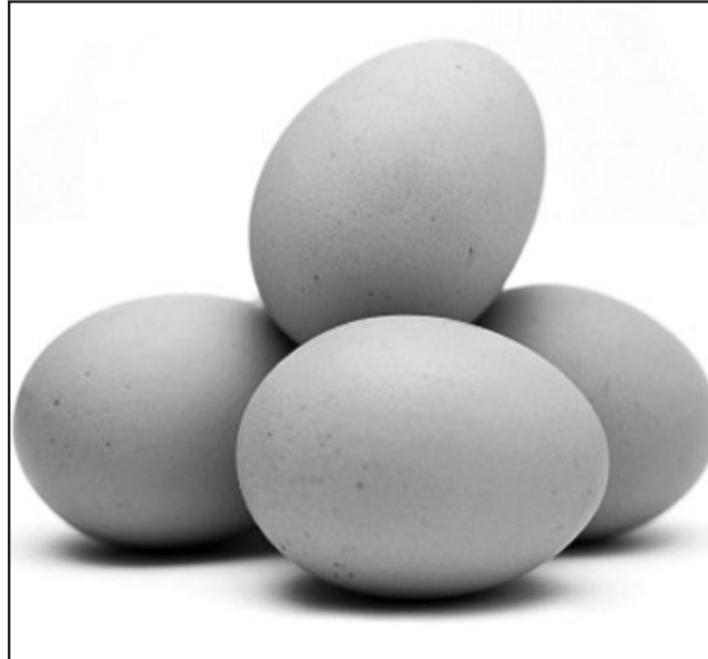
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A dozen extraordinary egg facts



Salmonella bacteria found in eggs prompted a nationwide egg recall of 380 million eggs this week. As the FDA works to investigate the how the outbreak occurred.

A few facts you may not know about eggs.

1. An egg shell is made of calcium carbonate, which is also the main ingredient in some antacids. The shell makes up 9-12 percent of an egg's total weight, and contains pores that allow oxygen in and carbon dioxide and moisture out.

2. An egg white is made mainly of a protein called albumen, and also contains niacin (vitamin B3), riboflavin (vitamin B2), chlorine, magnesium, potassium, sodium and sulfur, according to the Iowa Egg Council, an industry group. The white contains about 57 percent of an egg's protein.

3. The color of an egg yolk is determined by hen's diet. The more yellow and orange plant pigments there are in the grain fed to a hen, the more vibrant the color of the yolk will be.

4. The other colors

nificant differences between eggs of different colors, according to the American Egg Board, an industry group.

9. Eggs take about 24 to 26 hours to form inside a hen. First, a cell called an ovum develops into the yolk inside an ovary, which is also where Salmonella bacteria may enter the egg. At ovulation, the follicle ruptures, and the yolk is released into a tube called oviduct. On its journey through the tube to the uterus, the albumen is deposited around the yolk, and then membranes form around the albumen. The shell forms in the uterus. Eggs are laid large end first, and about 30 minutes after laying, the process starts anew.

10. China is biggest supplier of eggs, producing about 390 billion each year, about half of the world's supply.

11. Turkeys also lay eggs, but you aren't likely to find them in a grocery store. Turkeys need more nesting room, so housing them is less economical, and they have stronger mothering instincts than chickens, so collecting their eggs difficult. Dinosaurs laid eggs too, and sometimes dinosaur dads were responsible for sitting on them, according to research in the December 2008 issue of the journal Science.

12. In fact, an analysis of another dinosaur egg nest helped solve the age-old riddle of which came first. Canadian researchers reported that eggs came before chickens, because dinosaurs were forming bird-like nests and laying bird-like eggs long before birds (including chickens) evolved from dinosaurs, according to the research published in the journal Palaeontology in 2008.



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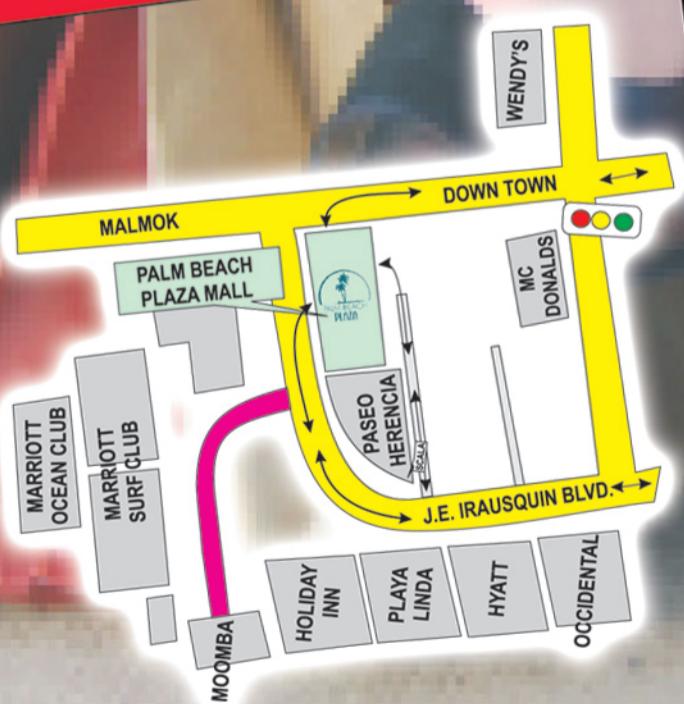
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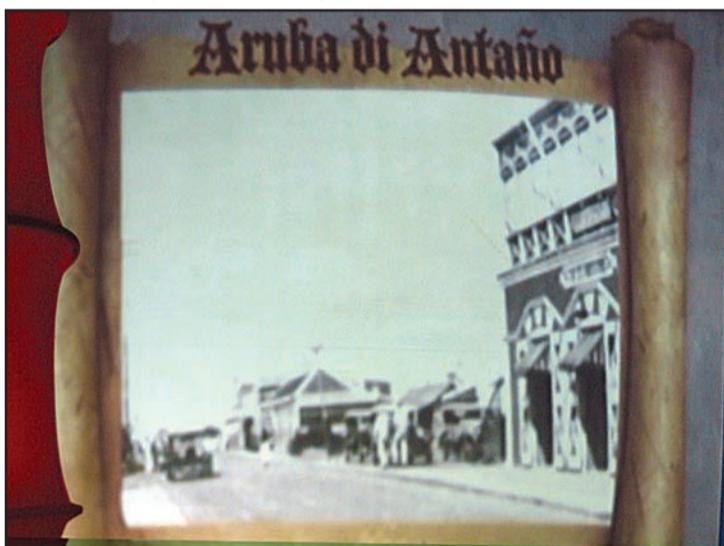


More than just shopping

Islanders demonstrate enthusiastic support for Aruba's new logo and image



Island youngsters with flags of many nations



Presentation compares Aruba past and present

The Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) and Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor, Otmar Oduber, were gratified to see the enthusiastic response for the public launching of Aruba's new marketing image during a gala street fair in Oranjestad on Friday, August 20.

The event was staged with the collaboration of the Oranjestad merchant's association, MAMBO, which provided 3

dozen prizes for a raffle drawing conducted that evening. Fabulous prizes, including a Netbook, iPad and round trip tickets for two to New York City were raffled off that evening.

Booths selling native snacks and local handicrafts, including Aruhiba hand rolled cigars, Aruban made wine, and glass work from Terrafuse with the colors of the Aruban flag, completed the festive ambiance, as well as a steady flow of Limited Brew from the island's national brewery, Balashi.

Popular local band Youth Extreme set the mood with a prelude of typical carnival music, as island MC extraordinaire, Ruben Garcia, prepared the thousands who filled Oranjestad's main street for the main event.

Joining Minister Oduber for the unveiling of Aruba's new logo and contemporary look were ATA executives Mario Arends and Astrid Muller. The new logo may have a sleek design, but the marketing cam-

paign focuses on Aruba's past and its progression into the 21st century. A media presentation that will be used at various tourism fairs around the U.S., Europe and Latin America also reveled in the "many faces of Aruba," an island which is truly "a melting pot of the Caribbean." Aruba boasts a population comprised of over 79 nationalities living in harmony on One Happy Island. Minister Oduber declared that



Terrafuse shows off glass art with a flag motif

Aruba's new image is a celebration of this cultural and ethnic diversity, as well as the history of the most prosperous and peaceful island in the Caribbean.

Youngsters marched on stage to wave the flags of the many nations which make up Aruba's permanent population of 105,000, a symbol of the island's rapid development and sincere hospitality.

The evening ended with dancing in the streets to one of the most popular of island performers and his band, Claudius Phillips and Oreo.

By Rosalie Klein



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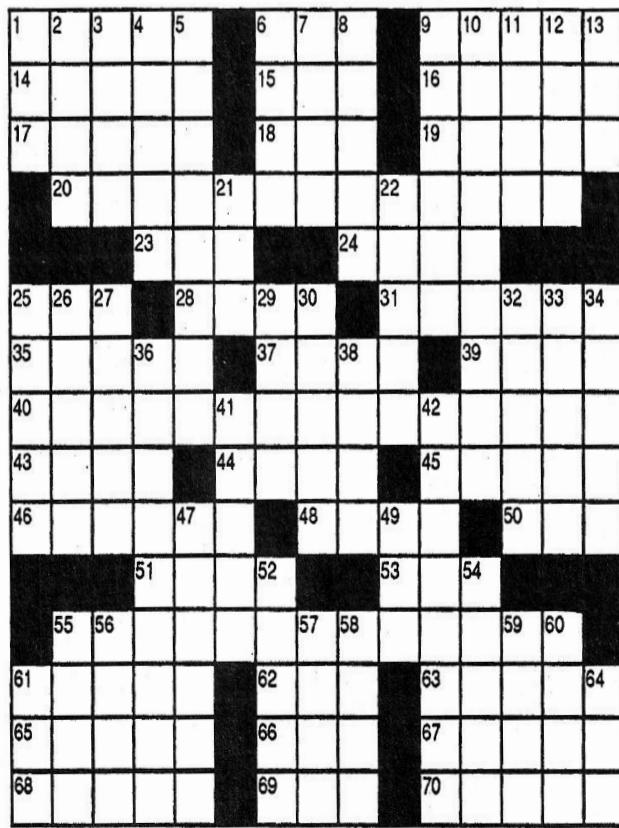
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Al Fayed says he torched Harrods royal warrants

LONDON, England (AFP) - Mohamed Al Fayed, the former owner of Harrods, said yesterday he had the plush London emporium's royal warrants taken down and burned.

The Egyptian tycoon, in a letter to The Sunday Telegraph newspaper, called the endorsements a "curse" on the luxury department store.

A royal warrant allows a supplier to advertise that they are used by the royal family.

The Harrods warrants were from Queen Elizabeth II, her husband Prince Philip, queen Elizabeth the queen mother and Prince Charles.

"I ordered their removal. Later, I had them burned. They

were a curse and business tripled following their removal," Al Fayed said.

The royal warrants were removed from Harrods in 2000.

Al Fayed has consistently attacked the royal family with a variety of claims since the death of his son Dodi Fayed and Diana, princess of Wales in a Paris car crash in 1997.

In May, Al Fayed sold Harrods to the investment arm of Qatar's sovereign wealth fund. No figure was given.

In his letter, Al Fayed called for the Qatars to keep two memorials to Diana and his son, which are located in the store. They are a statue of the two dancing together and a wine glass smudged with the

How to write attention-grabbing, money making free reports -part 2-

by Ken Varga



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Picking a subject to write about, one that has sales appeal and that will sell well for you are not as hard as it sounds.

The best rule to follow is to write only about something you already know a great deal about.

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your reader to overlook any technical writing weakness that might show up.

How do you determine the subject that's best for you to use for your first report?

It's worth repeating: Whatever you write about, make it something you know about, and are especially interested in.

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If you're not familiar with the subject, you can visit your local public library and research your subject. Read as much about it as you can find in newspapers, magazines, books, everything. Start collecting clippings, talk to friends and others who could provide you with the information you need for your report.

Most of all take notes on all the information you gather from reading and personal discussion.

When you've spent a good deal of time intensively researching your subject, you should be ready for the next step.

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should have a beginning, a body and an ending. When you outline your subject and your subject coverage, which I normally call my table of contents, you'll find it easier to say what you want to say.

You'll be able to say everything you want to say. You won't have to worry about forgetting or leaving out an important point you want to make.

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Writing, after everything is analyzed, taken apart, studied, improved upon and put back together, is still nothing more or less than a written conversation between two people.

This is very important. Your report should be as if you were in a conversation with someone else.

I try to do this is every one of my tips and the lengthy report I write that go sometimes over 100 pages.

Well, that's it for this tip. In the next tip, I'm going to give you an example to follow and massage to your own business, or to sell to the public.

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Caribbean storm damage costs may rise 50 percent with global warming

percent of output by 2030, it said.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history



and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning club



house complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.



vestment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finish-

ing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their

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Sales girls were particularly enthusiastic about the Lauren G. Adams designs; beautiful cloisonné charms, necklaces, bracelets and rings that are infinitely affordable.

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Jackie Chan wants kung fu as Olympic sport



The International Olympic Committee recognizes wushu as a sport but has not included it as an official event in the Games, unlike other Asian martial arts such as taekwondo and judo that are now part of the global sports gathering.

However, the IOC allowed China to organize an international wushu tournament at the same time as the 2008 Beijing Games to showcase the sport -- an event that was attended by Jet Li, another Hollywood actor and kung fu star.

Chan explained that wushu's many styles of fighting and different schools could have hindered its inclusion as an official Olympic sport, the report said.

"This makes it difficult for wushu to make a unified impression to international audiences," he said.

Chan, who has put his martial arts skills to use in several blockbuster films, began practising wushu as a child and says he still works on his moves daily, the report said.

BEIJING, China (AFP) - Hollywood martial arts star Jackie Chan has called for wushu, better known outside China as kung fu, to be recognized as an official Olympic sport, state media reported Sunday.

"I love wushu a lot and I would love to see it included in future Olympic Games," Chan, who was in Beijing to record a theme song for an upcoming combat event, was quoted as saying by the official China Daily newspaper.

Jolie to star in romantic film set in Bosnian war

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AFP) - Hollywood star Angelina Jolie has announced she is to star in a romantic film to be shot in the Balkans, as she made a surprise visit to Sarajevo.

"Upon leaving Bosnia and Herzegovina on Saturday, Angelina Jolie stated that she will be in the region working on a film this fall," said the UNHCR, the United Nations refugee agency, for whom Jolie works as a goodwill ambassador.

"The film is a love story set during the Bosnian war of 1992-1995, focusing on a couple who meet on the eve of the war and the effect the war has on their relationship," it said.

Jolie stressed that the film would not carry any political messages and added that the cast would be drawn from the different ethnic groups of the former Yugoslavia.

According to national radio, Jolie will act in the film and direct it as well.

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Iran transfers fuel into its first nuclear power plant

BUSHEHR, Iran (AFP) - A defiant Iran on Saturday began loading fuel into its Russian-built first nuclear power plant in the face of stiff opposition from world powers to its controversial atomic program.

Despite leading Western opposition to the Islamic republic's project to enrich uranium in defiance of four sets of UN sanctions, the United States said it saw no "proliferation risk" from the new plant.

Western nations suspect that Iranian uranium enrichment masks a weapons drive, a charge strongly denied by Tehran.

After three-and-a-half decades of delay, engineers finally began transferring the atomic fuel supplied by Russia in the presence of UN inspectors into the plant in the southern port city of Bushehr.

"Despite all pressures, sanctions and hardships forced by Western nations, we are witnessing Iran's peaceful nuclear activities through the start of the Bushehr power plant," Iran's atomic chief Ali Akbar Salehi told reporters.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Darby Holladay told AFP the one-billion-dollar reactor "underscores that Iran does not need an indigenous enrichment capability if its intentions are purely peaceful."

"We recognise that the Bushehr reactor is designed to provide civilian nuclear power and do not view it as a proliferation risk," Holladay said.

Russian nuclear chief Sergei Kiriyenko, in Bushehr for Saturday's ceremony, said that the "countdown" for the actual running of the nuclear power plant had now begun.

"Today is a great day and we have entered the physical launch of the Bushehr plant," he said.



A security guard stands next to journalists outside the reactor building.

Kiriyenko later said the Bushehr facility, which is not targeted under UN or other sanctions, was built under the supervision of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) inspectors.

Any "country which sticks by IAEA norms and safety regulations has the right to peaceful nuclear technology," he said.

In Vienna, the IAEA said it continued to monitor the Bushehr plant.

"The Agency is taking the appropriate verification measures in line with its established safeguards procedures," press officer Ayhan Evrensel said in a statement.

Saturday's much-anticipated fuel loading comes despite Moscow, a long-time nuclear ally of Tehran, hardening its position on Iran's nuclear program.

In June, Russia backed the fourth round of UN sanctions against Iran for enriching uranium, the most controversial aspect of its atomic drive.

Iran says it is enriching uranium to power nuclear reactors so they can eventually generate electricity of around 20,000 megawatts.

Despite being OPEC's second-largest crude oil exporter and having the world's second-largest gas reserves, Iran insists it needs nuclear

power for a rapidly growing population and for when its fossil fuels eventually run out.

Last week, Salehi said the fuel transfer would be complete by September 5. Russia has supplied 82 tons of fuel for Bushehr and plans to reprocess the spent material.

The plant's actual commissioning is expected in October or November when it connects to the national grid.

Britain and the United States, meanwhile, reiterated their concerns on Saturday over Iran's nuclear program.

"Until Iran suspends its proliferation-sensitive nuclear activities and responds in full to IAEA concerns about potential military dimensions, it will be in contravention of six UNSC (UN Security Council) resolutions and have to bear the economic cost of sanctions," a Foreign Office minister said in London.

And Holladay said the UN atomic watchdog's access to Bushehr was separate from Iran's broader obligations. "The IAEA has consistently reported Iran remains in serious violation of its obligations," he said.

Salehi on Saturday reiterated that Iran is searching for locations for 10 new uranium enrichment sites.

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Jamaica uncovers another sprint star

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Jamaica has a history of uncovering sprint stars and looks to have another on its hands in Odane Skeen, who claimed the 100m title at the inaugural Youth Olympics.

Skeen powered over the line in a personal best 10.42 seconds, ahead of Japan's Masaki Nashimoto and Britain's David Bolarinwa.

His mark is well short of fellow Jamaican Usain Bolt's world record of 9.58sec, but Skeen is still just 15 years old.

He is following in the footsteps of not just Bolt, but also former world record holder Asafa Powell, another Jamaican sprint king.

In the women's 100m, Nigeria's Josephine Omaka ran powerfully to win in 11.58sec ahead of Myasia Jacobs of the United States and Fany Chalas of the Dominican Republic.

The Youth Olympics, which run from August 14 to 26, are being held for the first time and feature 3,600 athletes aged 14-to-18 competing in the 26 Olympic sports.

Perera fires Sri Lanka into tri-series final



Perera (C) celebrates with teammates

DAMBULLA (AFP) - Thisara Perera bagged a maiden five-wicket haul to help Sri Lanka storm into the triangular one-day series final with a crushing eight-wicket win over India on Sunday.

The 21-year-old seamer, playing his first match of the tournament, finished with 5-28 off 7.4 tight overs as India were shot out for 103 in 33.4 overs -- their third-lowest total against Sri Lanka in one-day internationals.

The total was not enough to put pressure on Sri Lanka, who completed the win in just 15.1 overs in the day-night match in Dambulla.

The hosts finished their league engagements with 11 points from four matches, while New Zealand have seven points and India five after three games.

The winners of the last league match between India and New Zealand on Wednesday will qualify for the final.

"He (Perera) had a fantastic game today and really won us the match," said Sri

Lanka captain Kumar Sangakkara.

"We would also have batted first had we won the toss. But our bowlers bowled a great line and length right from the start. We have got a varied attack."

Sri Lanka put in a solid all-round performance in the must-win match as their batsmen backed their fast bowlers, with Tillakaratne Dilshan (35) and Mahela Jayawardene (33) adding 79 for the opening wicket in 9.2 overs.

Sangakkara (13 not out) finished the match when he drove paceman Ishant Sharma through the covers for a four. Upul Tharanga remained unbeaten with 12.

"We didn't get the kind of start we needed. Their bowlers bowled in the right channels and pushed us into making mistakes," said India skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni.

"Our next game (v New Zealand on Wednesday) is like a semi-final now."

Yuvraj Singh earlier top-scored with a fighting 38 in a disappointing Indian batting performance after the tourists elected to bat.

Opener Virender Sehwag (12), Rohit Sharma (11) and Dhoni (10) were the others to reach double figures.

Yuvraj was unlucky to be given out leg-before off pace-man Lasith Malinga (2-21) as TV replays suggested the ball would have missed the stumps. He was the ninth man out after hitting one six and five fours in his 64-ball knock.



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Ballack back for Bayer, but unsure of Germany spot

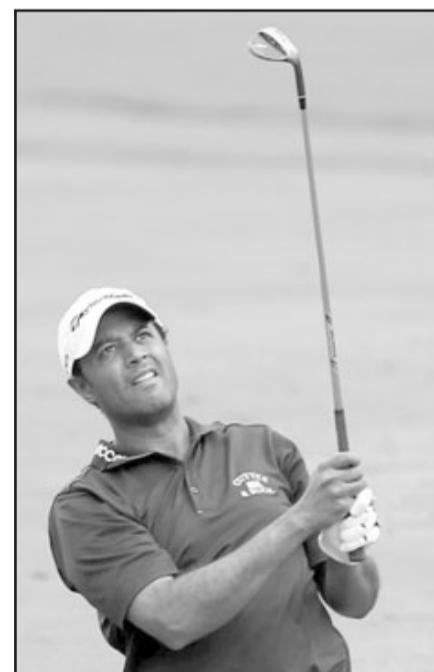
BERLIN, Germany (AFP) - Midfield star Michael Ballack made his return to the Bundesliga on Sunday to help Bayer Leverkusen open their season with a 2-0 win at Dortmund, but admitted he is playing for his Germany place.

The 33-year-old is back in the Bundesliga after four years in the Premier League with Chelsea after an ankle injury ruled him out of last month's World Cup, where Germany finished third.

Having lost the captaincy to Philipp Lahm, Ballack admits he is not sure he will be included in the Germany squad for next month's Euro 2012 qualifiers with national coach Joachim Loew set to name his squad on Friday.

"I'm still not 100 percent,

India's Atwal wins his first US PGA title



beat American David Toms (64) by one stroke.

Atwal also became the first Monday qualifier to win the ensuing tournament in 24 years, following Fred Wadsworth at the 1986 Southern Open.

Atwal has enjoyed victories on the European, Asian and Nationwide tours but not on the US PGA Tour until now.

He entered Sunday's round with a three-shot lead and needed a par on the closing hole to seal the deal.

Atwal played No. 18 conservatively. He blasted his approach into the spectators' tent, choosing to take a drop in the rough rather than try to place his ball on the green.

He chipped it onto the green then one-putted for the win.

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Piniella steps down after Sunday's game

CHICAGO -- Family comes first, and Lou Piniella is headed home to take care of his mother.

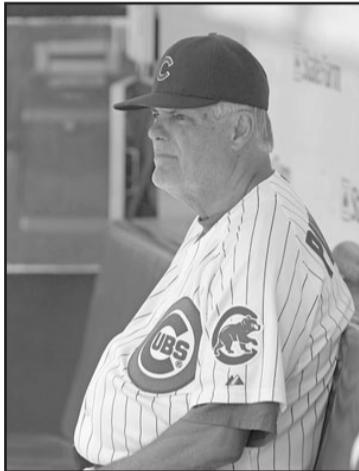
When Piniella announced on July 20 that he was retiring at the end of this season, he fully intended to finish the year with the Cubs. But his mother's health prompted him to retire early. Sunday's game against the Braves was Piniella's final as manager. He took off the uniform for the last time to go home.

"I didn't think my career would end this way," Piniella said prior to the game. "My mom needs me home. She hasn't gotten better since I've been here. In fact, she's had a couple complications."

"Rather than continue to go home and come back, it's not fair to the team and it's not fair to the players," he said. "The best thing is to step down and go home and take care of my mother."

Piniella left the team Aug. 9-12 to be with his 90-year-old mother, Margaret, in Tampa, Fla., and set up in-home care. He calls her every morning, and when he called Sunday to tell her he was headed home, she cried.

"I've enjoyed it here," Piniella said. "Four wonderful years and I've made a lot of friends. We've had some success here and this year has been a little bit of a struggle. Family is important and comes first, and my mom needs me home and that's



where I'm going."

Piniella, who turns 67 on Aug. 28, compiled a 316-392 record with the club over three-plus seasons. He guided the team to the National League Central title in his first and second years in 2007-08, and the Cubs posted the best record in the NL in '08 at 97-64.

He is the first Cubs manager in 100 years to lead the team to consecutive postseason appearances.

"Lou helped raise the bar here for this entire organization, and for that we'll be forever thankful," general manager Jim Hendry said. "We understand he needs to be with his family and respect his decision to retire at this time. We salute his tremendous career and wish him and his family long-term health and happiness."

Third-base coach Mike Quade will take over as in-

terim manager and will be considered as a full-time replacement next season.

Piniella has been in uniform since his first season in 1962. He is one of five men to win at least three Manager of the Year Awards, including 2008 with the Cubs, and retires as the 14th-winningest manager in Major League history. He entered Sunday's game with 1,835 wins in nearly 23 big league seasons at the helm and is the first Cubs manager in more than 70 years to post a record of .500 or better in his first three seasons with the team.

Piniella met with the Cubs' coaches and players prior to batting practice on Sunday to give them the news.

"It's been a very tough day for him and very emotional," Hendry said. "It's to the point now where he needs to be home with his family."

After all the years playing, managing and broadcasting, Piniella is done.

"I haven't had time to reflect on it," he said of his career. "I'm going to try to enjoy today as much as possible. It's been a long time and I've been blessed. God's given me the health and ability to do this job, and I'm appreciative. It's been a long time."

"When I announced my retirement earlier in the season, I thought I'd finish the year and go from there," he said. "Unfortunately, that hasn't happened. I'll have plenty of time to reflect."

Piniella was to exchange lineup cards with Atlanta manager Bobby Cox, who is also scheduled to retire at the end of this season, prior to Sunday's game and then head to Tampa on Monday.

"This is a nice job, but it's

a tough job," Piniella said of the Cubs. "They're going to win here. They've got a family-owned business now. The Ricketts family will do what they need to do to get this thing to where it can win."

They'll give it the care it deserves.

"When I took this job, I didn't call anybody [for advice]," he said. "I came here and did the best I could for as long as I could."

Marlins Paulino slapped with 50-game ban



MIAMI (AFP) — Florida Marlins catcher Ronny Paulino has been slapped with a 50-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's drug programme.

The Marlins placed Paulino on the restricted list Friday after the announcement was made by the league's disciplinary officials.

The 29-year-old is hitting .259 with four home runs and 37 runs batted in over 91 games this season.

In a statement released by the team, the 6-foot-3, 250-pound Paulino said he took a diet pill.

"It is extraordinarily disappointing," Marlins president David Samson said. "And I'll leave it at that."

Paulino's ban begins im-

mediately, and since the Marlins have only 42 games remaining, will extend into the 2011 season.

"To control my weight this season, I used a dietary pill," Paulino said in a statement released by the team.

"I recently learned that the dietary pill contained a substance banned under Major League Baseball's drug policy. I am ashamed and saddened for disappointing and distracting my family, my teammates, the entire Florida Marlins organization and baseball fans."

Paulino, who is in his sixth season in MLB, got off to a solid start this year but has struggled since the all-star break, hitting .195 with just one home run.

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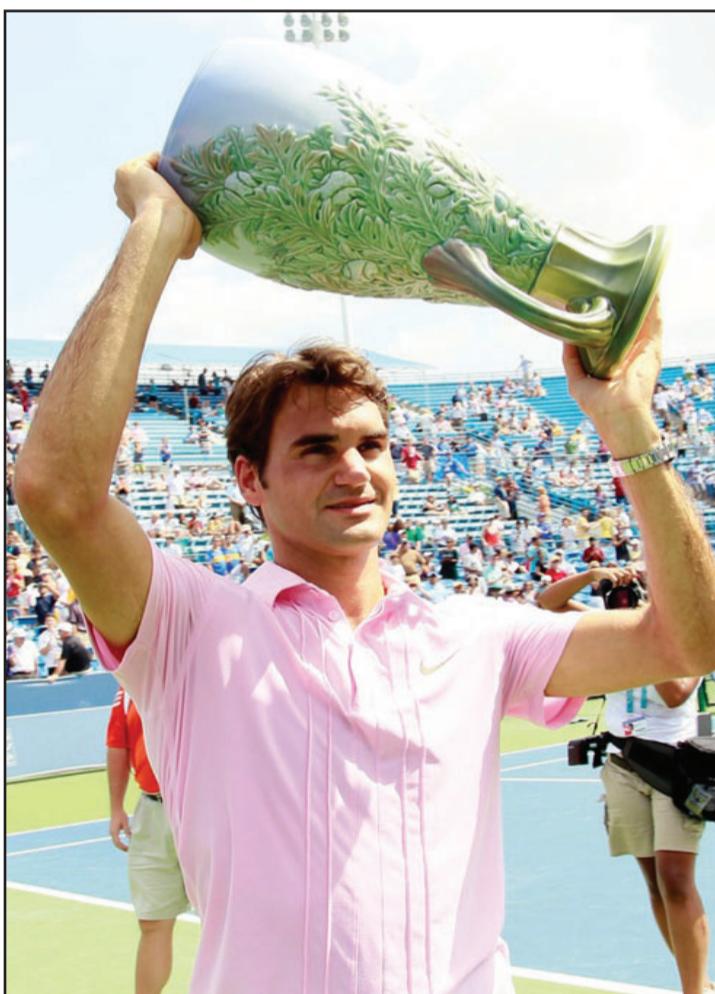
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Federer outlasts Fish for fourth Cincinnati crown



Federer poses with his trophy after winning the championship

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AFP) – World number two Roger Federer won his second ATP Cincinnati Masters crown in a row on Sunday, outlasting American Mardy Fish 6-7 (5/7), 7-6 (7/1), 6-4 for his 63rd career title.

The Swiss superstar, who is bidding for a 17th Grand

Slam crown when the US Open begins on August 30, matched Bjorn Borg for fifth on the all-time Open Era title list and captured his fourth Cincinnati crown after 2005, 2007 and 2009.

Wildcard entrant Fish, who had won recent titles in Newport and Atlanta, failed

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Aruba is invited to come out and show their support by welcoming the Senior League World Series champions home.

The Aruban team will be arriving from Miami at 13:45.

After an official reception by the Ministers, the team will leave the airport in a grand parade atop a trailer, accompanied by local band NBO. This parade will pass in the different districts to finalize at Joe Laveist Sport Park in San Nicolas where the festivities will continue.

Fish for fourth Cincinnati crown

in his bid to become the first unseeded champion in the event, the final major tuneup for the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

Federer's victory kept Fish, 28, from reaching a career-high 16th in the rankings but the American will still rise considerably from 36th where he began the week.

Fish netted a backhand on the first break-point chance of the third set to hand Federer a 5-4 lead and the Swiss third seed held serve for the victory, which came after two hours and 40 minutes when Fish sent a backhand wide.

Fish denied Federer on four break points in the first set without ever managing to get one against the Swiss star, but came through in the tie-breaker when it mattered most to claim the opening set.

Federer smacked a forehand winner for a 5-4 lead, but Fish answered with an overhead smash, achieved a set point when Federer netted a backhand and took the set after 67 minutes with a service winner.

Fish managed a break point in the fifth game of the second set but sent a forehand beyond the baseline on the way to another tie-breaker.

Federer dominated the second tie-breaker, losing only the third point on a Fish ace and ending it with his ninth ace of the match.



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Hanson wins Czech Open and moves into Ryder Cup slot

CELEDNA (AFP) - Sweden's Peter Hanson won a three-way play-off with Peter Lawrie and Gary Boyd on Sunday to take the Czech Open and all but secure his place on Europe's Ryder Cup team.

The 32-year-old had blown his four-shot advantage going into the final round, carding a two-over par 74.

But he held his nerve to sink an 18-foot birdie putt on the second play-off hole as Irishman Lawrie and England's Boyd both made par.

The win saw Hanson move into the automatic qualifying spots for the Ryder Cup leaving veteran Ryder Cup player Miguel-Angel Jiminez of Spain in the ninth and final spot.

The Swede's victory dropped England's Paul Casey out of the automatic places with just one qualify-

ing event remaining, next week's Johnnie Walker Championship at Gleneagles.

Casey has chosen not to play the event and must now rely on one of captain Colin Montgomerie's three wild card picks - although with Padraig Harrington, Luke Donald and Justin Rose in a similar position there is no guarantee he will get it.

Jimenez - who shot a final round 73 - too is missing the Gleneagles tournament as the bon vivant - who is renowned for his liking of fine wine and cigars - is attending his nephew's wedding.

The 46-year-old three time Ryder Cup player could lose out on an automatic place for the biennial match with the United States should either Simon Dyson, Ross McGowan or Alvaro Quiros win the trophy.

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